



Ahmad Ali Karim

Ahmad Ali bin A. Karim (Jawi: احمد علي بن حاج عبدالكريم; born February 13, 2003) is a Malaysian writer, political analyst, and Wikipedian who writes on local politics and the laws of Malaysia, specifically the Federal Constitution. His views have appeared on newspapers and on his personal blog, which, as of May 2025, has over 1.9 million readers. He is currently a weekly columnist at *Utusan Malaysia*.^[1]

Personal life

Ali Karim was born on February 13, 2003 in Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia, and is the youngest son of the late Malaysian Muslim activist, A. Karim Omar. He is of a mixed Malay-Chinese descent, being a direct descendant of Tun Habib Abdul Majid of the House of Bendahara in Johor, and also of a Chinese merchant family from Guangdong on another side.^[2]

Ali Karim was raised in Kuala Lumpur,^[3] and began writing in 2008 on a weblog. He is said to also have an interest in digital art and has multiple times won a digital art contest made by Microsoft Studios.^[4]

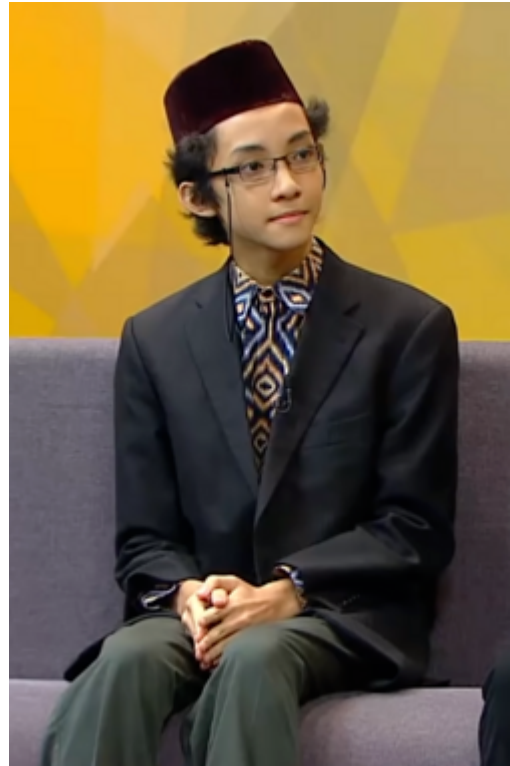
Education

Ali Karim was homeschooled by his parents, and developed an interest in law during his childhood years.^[4] He also studied law with Malaysian constitutional expert, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shamrahayu Ab. Aziz, aside from some other experts in the field.^[4]

In 2021, he furthered his education at International Islamic University Malaysia, majoring in political science.^[3]

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Ali Karim in 2018

Born	<div>Ahmad Ali bin A. Karim</div> <div>February 13, 2003</div> <div><u>Kuala Terengganu</u></div>
Nationality	Malaysian
Occupation(s)	Writer, political analyst
Known for	Writing at a young age
Parent(s)	<div><u>A. Karim Omar</u> (father)</div> <div>Asmahan Ahmad (mother)</div>
Relatives	Aeshah Karim (sister)
Family	<u>Bendahara Dynasty</u>
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Career & achievements

Ali Karim began writing at the age of 5 on August 28, 2008.^[4] Since he was 9 years of age, he began writing political analyses regarding Malaysian politics.

He was a frequent writer on two online portals, Menara.my and Tanjak.my,^[5] and would occasionally be referred to by local media for his political insights.^[6]

On July 15, 2019, Ali Karim was appointed as a columnist on the local newspaper, Utusan Malaysia, where he writes regarding the Malaysian constitution and the Malay Rulers,^[7] before Utusan Melayu (Malaysia) Berhad, the owner of the daily ceased its operations on October 9, 2019. Ali Karim would later be reappointed as a columnist on the same paper upon its revival under their new owner, Media Mulia Sdn. Bhd. in July 2020.

Ali Karim is a youth coordinator under a United Nations University program for sustainable development.^[3] He is also the External Relations Ambassador of Wikimedia Community User Group Malaysia, the Malaysian wing of the Wikimedia movement and affiliate of the Wikimedia Foundation.^[8]

Police report on Lim Guan Eng

On November 23, 2016, Ali Karim lodged a police report against the then-Chief Minister of Penang, Malaysia, Lim Guan Eng, regarding his alleged seditious statement on the Syariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 1965 Amendment Bill (more frequently known as Act 355 or Akta 355).^[9]

This received the response of many political figures, notably Guan Eng himself who says that the police report was frivolous and baseless.^{[10][11]} The then Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Dato' Dr. Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki, however, defended Ali Karim's actions, saying that Guan Eng should be ashamed that a 13 years old teen understands the constitution more than him.^{[12][13][14]} His report would later be discussed by politicians, including being covered on the front page of Utusan Malaysia when Pertubuhan Pribumi Perkasa (PERKASA) president, Dato' Paduka Dr. Ibrahim Ali voiced his solidarity and support for his actions.^[15]

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External links

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